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Title: COMPOSITE ARTICLES HAVING DIFFUSION BARRIERS  
AND DEVICES INCORPORATING THE SAME

**RESPONSE**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on May 23, 2008, Applicant submits the following amendment and remarks.

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